

H. R. 269.

FEBRUARY 8, 1823.

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House
to-morrow.

A BILL

To authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury to sell the public lots and other property belonging to the United States, in the District of Columbia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 all the lots in the city of Washington, and other property in
4 the District of Columbia, which may at any time hereafter
5 be sold by the authority of the United States, shall be dispos-
6 ed of by order of the Secretary of the Department of the
7 Treasury, in such manner as he may deem most conducive
8 to the public good; and the money arising from such sales
9 shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States, in such
10 manner as the said Secretary shall direct.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That it shall be the*
2 duty of the said Secretary to lay before Congress, at the
3 commencement of each session, an exact statement, designat-
4 ing the property sold, the person or persons to whom sold,
5 and the price thereof; the credit given, if any, the amount

6 paid by each individual, the amount due at the time of making
7 such communication, and the time when the same is payable.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That no money ap-
2 propriated by Congress to be expended in the District of Co-
3 lumbia, for public purposes, shall be drawn from the Treasu-
4 ry in any greater sums than one twelfth part of the appro-
5 priation, and such drafts shall not be made on the Treasury
6 by any person or persons oftener than once in thirty days;
7 and an exact account of its expenditure shall be lodged with
8 the proper accounting officer of the Treasury, once in sixty
9 days: *Provided, nevertheless*, That any public officer disburs-
10 ing the public money in said District, who shall make it ap-
11 pear, to the satisfaction of the President, that a greater sum
12 than one twelfth part is necessary in any one month for the
13 progress of any public work; in that case the President is
14 authorized to cause a draft to be made for a sum not exceed-
15 ing one sixth of the whole appropriation: *Moreover*, All offi-
16 cers failing to comply with the provisions of this act, shall be
17 forthwith dismissed from office.